

“Mere Christianity” by C.S. Lewis Chapters 2 & 3: “Some Objections” & “The Reality of the Law”

Law of Human Nature, Moral Law, or Rule of Decent Behaviour -

- a. Feeling a desire to help is quite different from feeling that you ought to help whether you want to or not.
- b. Moral Law helps us decide between two instincts. ie. help or survival.
- c. There is none of our impulses which the Moral Law may not sometimes tell us to suppress, and none which it may not sometimes tell us to encourage. ie. the fighting instinct.
- d. Differences are not really great between the moral ideas of one time or country and those of another.the same law running through them all.
- e. If no set of moral ideas were truer or better than any other, there would be no sense in preferring civilized morality to savage morality, or Christian morality to Nazi morality.

Scripture: Romans 1:18-20 – “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”

Romans 1: 22 – “Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools.”

Romans 1: 26-32 – “Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.

They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.”

Romans 2:12-16 – “All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God’s sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, since they show that *the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness*, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them. This will take place on the day when God will judge men’s secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.”